

HISTORY OF JEFFERSON COLLEGE

3.1 SUMMARY HISTORY OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Jefferson College was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory on 13 May 1802,¹ the first incorporation of any organization for any purpose in Mississippi. For more than a year the Board of Trustees discussed and debated where the College should be located. The issue was finally settled when the Board voted on 25 July 1803 to accept a donation of land at Washington from John and James Foster and Randall Gibson.² (Sixteen additional acres were acquired within the following year.³) On 11 November 1803, the Territorial Legislature confirmed that Jefferson College would be located at the community of Washington.⁴ In 1804 deeds of conveyance were drawn up and recorded for the several parcels making up the Jefferson College property.⁵ Some additional land would be acquired in later years, but the parcels acquired in 1803 and 1804 comprised most of the property of Jefferson College, and included the campus area that later contained the major buildings of the College.

For several years after the initial acquisition of the property, the College was dormant. Minutes of the Board of Trustees do not record any meetings between 11 May 1805 and 12 April 1810. In 1810, the first substantial progress was made toward getting the College into operation. Apparently the Board of Trustees of the College had entered into an agreement in the early part of that year to allow an existing educational organization, called Washington Academy, to build and operate a school on the property owned by the College. In December 1810 an agreement was reached to combine the two institutions. Construction of the Washington Academy facility was completed under the auspices of Jefferson College, and the College opened for its first term in January 1811, holding its classes in the Washington Academy building, which was evidently a one-room school building of wood frame construction.

The College operated out of the Washington Academy schoolhouse for about ten years, until the first of the permanent buildings of the College was completed in 1820. The older wooden school building continued to be used for some time thereafter for the Primary Department of the College. Because the minutes of the Board of Trustees between May 1819 and November 1830 were lost in a fire in 1841, and there is no mention of the old school building in any later records, it appears that the Washington Academy schoolhouse must have been destroyed, perhaps by a fire, sometime in the 1820s, but there is no surviving record of what happened to it.

¹ Dawn Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," *The Journal of Mississippi History*, 35:1 (February 1973); and "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

² William T. Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest: A History of Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi* (Washington, Miss.: Friends of Jefferson College, Inc., 1976), p. 5, citing the Journal of the Board of Trustees, vol. 1, pp. 23-25.

³ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 7.

⁴ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 6; and "Outline History of Jefferson College," n.d.

⁵ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 7, note 21. (The text of the note is on page 18.) The two original deeds are filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 12, Folder 15.

In 1817, a committee from the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College asked architect Levi Weeks to devise a plan for a permanent building for the College, which was intended to be one wing of a projected larger building complex. Designed as a three-and-a-half story brick edifice of brick construction, it was originally referred to as “the College Edifice” but was later known as “the East Wing.” Contractor Lewis Evan began making bricks and preparing for construction of this building in the late summer of 1817. Actual construction apparently began early in 1818. The partnership of White & Smith began working on the interior carpentry under a separate contract in 1819. The construction of the East Wing was completed in 1820.

At the same time that the East Wing was under construction, another building was being erected for the Steward, who was responsible for feeding and housing the students. The Steward’s House and its adjacent kitchen were apparently also completed in 1820.

In 1812, the Methodist congregation in Washington had erected a brick meeting house on a lot immediately adjacent to the College, facing North Street. This Methodist Church was the site of the Constitutional Convention in 1817. In 1828, the Methodist congregation moved to a new church building that had just been completed a short distance away, on the south side of Main Street. The old meeting house and its lot were purchased by Jefferson College in 1830, and the church was remodeled in 1831 to serve as a classroom building for the College’s Primary Department, replacing the old Academy building that was apparently no longer standing by that time.

In November 1836 the steward’s cookhouse was destroyed by a fire.⁶ At a meeting of the Board on 22 November 1836, the condition and possible disposition of the old Steward’s House was discussed. The decision was made to dismantle and sell the Steward’s House and not rebuild it, but, instead, to consider the possibility of moving the steward’s activities into a new building to be constructed adjacent to the existing college building.⁷ The old Steward’s House was sold and was removed from the site.⁸

About eight months later, at a meeting of the Board on 18 July 1837, the committee appointed to investigate the advisability of erecting a second building recommended “the erection of the West Wing of the College Edifice as originally contemplated, corresponding with the East Wing as to dimensions and external conformation. A space of fifty feet should be left between the wings on which to erect the center building.” The recommendations continued with detailed specifications for the building. A resolution was adopted at the same meeting, authorizing the Vice President to advertize for proposals for building the West Wing of Jefferson College and an outbuilding.⁹

⁶ “Outline History of Jefferson College” (1952), and a report presented to the Board of Trustees on 27 December 1836, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, p. 10, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁷ A report presented to the Board of Trustees on 22 November 1836, and a resolution adopted on that date, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, pp. 6-7, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁸ A report presented to the Board of Trustees on 27 December 1836, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, p. 12, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, pp. 41-43, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2. A copy of the report and a rough draft of the resolution are filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 15, Folder 69.

On 16 April 1838 the Board of Trustees entered into a contract with the firm of Montgomery and Keyes for the construction of the West Wing and an “out building or kitchen” (later called the Steward’s Building or the “West Kitchen”). The West Wing was not designed by an architect. Its plan was based upon that of the East Wing, with certain modifications directed by the Board of Trustees. A very elegant ink drawing of the floor plans of the West Wing, made in 1838, is filed in the Jefferson College Papers.¹⁰ The West Wing was evidently completed by about the end of February 1839, for on 9 March 1839, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing the Building Committee “to receive the new building from the contractors.”¹¹ Because the western outbuilding was included in the same contract, it was probably accepted at the same time.

Although the contract drawn up for the construction of the West Wing and the west outbuilding shows that the latter building was originally intended to serve as a kitchen, it does not appear that it ever actually served that function. (It does not appear to have been designed to serve as a kitchen – the fireplaces are too small for institutional cooking, and the stairs would make the delivery of prepared food very awkward.) Either while this outbuilding was being built or soon after its construction, a decision was made to build a second outbuilding to serve specifically as a kitchen. This second brick outbuilding (the Kitchen or “East Kitchen”) was built in the fall of 1839. The builders of the eastern outbuilding were John L.C. Seaman and William T. Smith, who also installed two double-leaf doors on the north wall of the West Wing in 1840.

On 21 October 1841, the East Wing was nearly destroyed by a fire,¹² which is believed to have been caused by sparks from an unattended fire in an unauthorized stove in one of the attic rooms.¹³ The third story and the attic were gutted, and much of the second story was apparently gutted, but most of the exterior brick walls evidently survived, as did part of the interior walls and woodwork of the first story.¹⁴

On 8 November 1841 the Board of Trustees had an extensive discussion of the fire and made an investigation into its cause.¹⁵ At that same meeting, a resolution was adopted calling for the East Wing, when repaired, to be roofed with slate.¹⁶ The Board appointed a committee to oversee repairs to the building. This committee moved quickly to hire Thomas C. Finney, whose work consisting mostly of re-roofing the

¹⁰ The ink drawing of the floor plans of the West Wing, made in 1838, is filed in an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson Military College Records, Z/U/1977.002, Box 3.

¹¹ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, p. 136.

¹² An article transcribed from the Mississippi Free Trader and Natchez Daily Gazette, dated 23 October 1841, a xerographic copy of which is filed in the MDAH Subject File folder, Jefferson College, 1802-1902; and also notes of an investigation into the cause of the fire of 21 October 1841, made at a meeting of members of the Board on 8 November 1841, recorded in Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 232-239.

¹³ From notes of an investigation into the cause of the fire of 21 October 1841, made at a meeting of members of the Board on 8 November 1841, recorded in Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 232-239.

¹⁴ It would seem likely that a report of the extent of the damage would have been made and presented to the Board, but if so, it was not recorded in the minutes, so the exact extent of the damage is not recorded.

¹⁵ From notes of an investigation into the cause of the fire of 21 October 1841, made at a meeting of members of the Board on 8 November 1841, recorded in Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 232-239.

¹⁶ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, page 242. A rough draft of this resolution is filed in the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 16, Folder 89.

building, repairing the exterior walls, and boarding-up the doors and windows to protect it from the weather. In this initial work, the interior was left unrepaired.

At the same time that repairs were being made on the East Wing, negotiations were underway for the purchase of the house that would become known as the President's House. The house was owned at that time by Dr. John C. Inge, who had become a member of the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College on 8 March 1841.¹⁷ Several years earlier, in 1836, the Board had begun to consider the possibility of building a residence for the President, and a proposed floor plan had been drawn by B.L.C. Wailes,¹⁸ but that idea was abandoned when the purchase of the Inge house became a viable option. The purchase of the Inge house was finalized on August 1842.¹⁹

After initial repairs to the East Wing were completed in 1842, the Board decided to postpone the interior repairs. The building sat vacant and boarded-up for several years. Perhaps the Trustees felt that the College could not afford the cost of interior repairs at that time. Finally in May 1845 the Board again took up the matter of interior repairs.²⁰ After receiving several proposals and apparently engaging in some subsequent negotiations to refine the proposals, the building committee prepared a report on 3 June 1845, saying that they had accepted the proposals of Vandervort & Greenleaf for the carpentry work and painting and James M. Shackleford for the plastering, for a combined cost of \$3800.²¹ The interior repair and reconstruction work was completed by June 1846.²²

In 1846 and 1847, louvered shutters were installed on many of the windows of the East and West Wings, but it was not until 1872 that shutters were placed on the remaining windows on the main three floors of those buildings.²³

There was neither any major new construction nor any major repairs or renovations to the existing buildings of Jefferson College from the late 1840s through the 1850s. The school closed during the Civil War, and its buildings were used for a short period by the

¹⁷ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, p. 213.

¹⁸ Documents pertaining to a proposed brick house for the president, including a drawing of floor plans, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 14, Folder 62. A typed transcription of a description of the proposed President's House and copy of the plan were included as Appendix 6 and Appendix 7 on pages 26-27 of the unpublished report, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" that was compiled by Dawn Maddox in 1971. (The appendices were *not* included in the version of that report that was published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* in 1973.) Three photocopies of the floor plan of the proposed President's House are filed in Official Records Series 1332, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Historic Properties Division, Historic Jefferson College Files, 1970-1982, in Box 5105, Folder 3.

¹⁹ Deed for the purchase of the Inge property, dated 10 August 1842, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 17, Folder 93.

²⁰ Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on 17 May 1845, in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 5, p. 71. The manuscript of the resolution is filed in the archival documents of the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, in Box 17, Folder 99.

²¹ Report of the building committee, dated 3 June 1845, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 17, Folder 100.

²² The final payments are recorded in the Day Book of 1845-1854 (in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 5) and also in the Treasurer's Report that was presented on 13 August 1846, on page 89 of Volume 5 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees (filed as an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1994.0001).

²³ A voucher for payment to James McCabe, dated 13 April 1872, for installing new shutters on the north, east, and west sides of the East Wing, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 20, Folder 159, and a voucher for payment to James McCabe, dated 13 June 1872, for installing new shutters on the north and west sides of the West Wing and for making "82 fastenings for uplifted sash in both edifices," in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 20, Folder 159.

Freedmen's Bureau. The Board of Trustees regained control of the property in November 1865,²⁴ and classes were apparently resumed sometime in 1866.

The old church building that had been converted for use by the Primary Department underwent several alternating periods use and abandonment prior to the Civil War. After the war, it was not put back into use. In June 1870 there was an unsuccessful effort to sell the materials from the old church, which was still partially standing but in very ruinous condition.²⁵ The remnants of the old church were reportedly destroyed by a storm in 1873.²⁶

Repairs were made to the main College buildings from time to time through the 1870s and 1880s. Additional shutters were installed on the East and West Wings in 1872, a new staircase was built in the East Wing in 1876,²⁷ and some remodeling was done on the third story of the West Wing in 1889,²⁸ but otherwise no substantial construction work was done during this period.

Under the leadership of Professor J.S. Raymond, who was Superintendent of Jefferson College for 39 years, from 1872 to 1911, the College saw its greatest period of stable administration. Enrollment increased during this time, and in 1893, the College was reorganized as a military school, adopting the name Jefferson Military College (although by this time it had become entirely a secondary school, rather than a baccalaureate institution).

In 1895, a new building, the Gymnasium, was constructed in the space between the East and West Wings. It was apparently completed in June 1895.²⁹ The erection of this building created a continuous architectural ensemble that functioned in many regards as a single building. Indeed, the combination of the three buildings was often referred to, during the next 75 years, as if it were a single building, called the "Main Building" or the "Administration Building."³⁰

²⁴ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 125.

²⁵ Copy of a notice advertising the proposed sale of the old church building, and a report presented on 4 July 1870 to the Board of Trustees about the attempted sale of the building, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 19, Folder 152.

²⁶ Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century."

²⁷ Invoice for the purchase of the balusters, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 21, Folder 181; invoice from W.H. Wilson, dated 2 June 1876, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 21, Folder 182; and Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 6, pages 352 and 353, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4.

²⁸ A proposal for this work, dated 11 July 1889, is included in Box 23, Folder 244, of the Jefferson College Papers. A typed transcription of this proposal was included as Appendix 18 on page 43 of the unpublished version of "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" that was compiled by Dawn Maddox in 1971. (This appendix was not included in the version of that report that was published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* in 1973.)

²⁹ There is no specific mention of the date of completion of the Gymnasium in the minutes of the Board of Trustees, but the last payment was made to the contractor, P.L. Murray, on 22 June 1895, and Natchez photographer Henry C. Norman was paid on 29 June 1895 for photographing the College, which implies that the work was completed in June 1895.

³⁰ Examples of this include a photograph on the cover of an issue of the school newspaper, *The Jeffersonian*, dated 23 October 1938 (filed in an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1977.002, Box 3), which identifies the complex as the "Jefferson Administration Building," and a set of undated floor plan sketches, probably made in the 1940s or 1950s (filed in the Jefferson Military College Papers, Z/0059.001, Box 74, Folder 833), which depict the complex as a single building identified as "Main Building – JMC." In addition, in Volume 9 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, page 211, is a list of insurance policies held by the college as of 18 December 1934. One of these was a fire insurance policy for the "Administration and Dormitory Building." In regard to this, the Secretary/Treasurer added a note saying "This, as I understand, covers the two original brick buildings and the gymnasium and hall between the two, the three being treated as composing one entire building."

Also in 1895, at the same time the gymnasium was built, matching two-story cast iron galleries were installed on the main facades of the East Wing and the West Wing. These galleries were built by the firm of Fox & Purnell, a partnership of Natchez-area carpenters W.H.H. Fox and his son-in-law Charles R. Purnell.³¹ The galleries were installed according to the plans and specifications of Mesker Brothers company, a nationally-prominent firm based in St. Louis, Missouri, that specialized in the manufacture and sale of pressed-metal storefronts.³² The two-story galleries extended across the center three bays of the five bay façade of each of the two older buildings. They can be seen in many photographs of the “Main Building” of Jefferson College made between 1895 and 1971. (The galleries were removed in 1972.)³³

In 1899, the upper part of the gymnasium was converted to eight dormitory rooms,³⁴ and apparently at about the same time some changes were made on the interior of the East Wing. At this same time, the faculty of the College urged the Board of Trustees to arrange for the construction of a separate dormitory building.

Prior to 1900, there was no building at Jefferson College that functioned specifically as a dormitory. There were some dormitory rooms for students in the East Wing, and in the eight additional rooms had been added in the gymnasium in 1899, but increasing enrollment created a need for more dormitory space. In September 1900 the Board authorized the construction of a dormitory building.³⁵ Construction was soon underway, and the building was largely complete by the end of December of that year.³⁶ The new dormitory was a two-story wooden building containing sixteen rooms for students, presumably eight rooms on each floor, arrayed as four rooms on either side of a center corridor. The building was located just east of the East Wing, on the site later occupied by Raymond Hall.

There is no clear documentation about the provision of lighting in the buildings of Jefferson College during the nineteenth century. Presumably lighting must have been obtained from oil-burning lamps of some sort. In 1903, plans were made to have an acetylene gas lighting system installed by the Yancey Manufacturing Company (also called the Yancey Acetylene Gas Company) of New Orleans, but there was some problem that caused the Board of Trustees to rescind the contract later that year, before the system was installed.³⁷ In August 1907, nearly four years after the contract

³¹ A receipt, dated 23 February 1895, for payment to Fox and Purnell for part of this work, was signed by both W.H.H. Fox and Charles R. Purnell (Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 24, Folder 264). According to a family tree on the ancestry.com web site, viewed on 18 August 2011, Charles R. Purnell married Caradine "Carrie" Mary Fox, the daughter of W.H.H. Fox, Sr., on 19 June 1891.

³² Information about the Mesker Brothers Company found on the Internet on 8 June 2011.

³³ The date of the removal of the galleries is noted on the measured drawings made in 1974-75, as well as in other documentation.

³⁴ At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on 22 November 1899, the special committee on the gymnasium “reported that they had converted the upper portion of that building into a dormitory consisting of eight rooms, at a cost of \$801.47 ...” (Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 253, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4).

³⁵ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 270, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4.

³⁶ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, page 3, in an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, filed as Z/U/1990.034, Box 9.

³⁷ The proposal to purchase this system, and the subsequent cancellation of the contract are recorded in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees on 10 May 1903, 29 May 1903, and 17 September 1903, on pages 24, 29-30, and 31-32 of Volume 9 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees (filed as part of an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers,

with the Yancey Acetylene Gas Company was canceled, the Board again took up the matter of installing gas lighting, and adopted a resolution authorizing the installation of an acetylene gas system under contract with the Manufacturers' Machinery Company of New Orleans.³⁸ A contract was presented to the Board on 25 September 1907,³⁹ and the system was installed by 23 January 1908.⁴⁰ This gas lighting system included ceiling-mounted pendant light fixtures in all of the rooms and corridors of the main buildings as well as in the kitchen and brick building adjoining the kitchen.⁴¹ The gas lighting system served as the primary lighting system for the College for only ten years, for in 1917 a generator-powered electric light system was installed,⁴² though apparently the acetylene gas system was retained for use as a backup system. In 1929, the College entered into a contract for electrical power to be provided by the Mississippi Power and Light Company, which by that time had extended its power lines from Natchez to Washington.⁴³

In 1910, only fifteen years after the Gymnasium was built and only eleven years after the changes were made to its upper story, the Gymnasium was substantially remodeled and its façade was rebuilt in brick. This work was completed by the end of October 1910.⁴⁴

On 13 January 1915, the wooden dormitory that had been built in 1900 immediately east of the East Wing was destroyed by a fire. The fire also caused some damage to the East Wing.⁴⁵ The Board of Trustees moved promptly to have the destroyed building replaced on the same site, and seven months later, by the end of July 1915, a new dormitory had been completed.⁴⁶ It was subsequently named for Professor Raymond. Raymond Hall was seriously damaged by fires in January 1940, January 1943, and March 1947, but it was repaired after each fire, and still stands today as part of the Jefferson College complex.

Increasing enrollment led to the construction of two additional dormitories in the 1930s. Prospere Hall, a dormitory for younger boys, was built in 1931. It was named for Colonel Clarence G. Prospere, who served as Superintendent from 24 August 1917 until he was killed in an accident on campus on 21 March 1926.⁴⁷ Six years later, in 1937,

Z/U/1990.034, Box 9). The contract with the Yancey Company and letters related to the matter are filed in the correspondence files of the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 32, Folder 79.

³⁸ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, page 64.

³⁹ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, pages 64-65. In the correspondence files of the of the Jefferson College Papers (Z/0059.000, Box 30, Folder 46) is a proposal from Sydney Marshall, president of the Manufacturers' Machinery Company, of New Orleans, dated 18 September 1907, for installing an acetylene gas generator and gas lighting at the college.

⁴⁰ The minutes of the meeting of the Board on 23 January 1908 recorded that the treasurer was directed to pay gas and plumbing contractor T.J. Holmes "the balance of \$52.00 due him on the Acetylene Gas Plant and Water Tank Contract." (Volume 9 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, page 81).

⁴¹ Proposal from Sydney Marshall, president of the Manufacturers' Machinery Company, of New Orleans, dated 18 September 1907 (Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 30, Folder 46).

⁴² Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, pages 130, 134, 136, and 137.

⁴³ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, pages 182 and 185.

⁴⁴ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, page 95-96.

⁴⁵ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, page 116.

⁴⁶ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, page 124.

⁴⁷ The dates of his tenure as superintendent are from a list of the Superintendents of Jefferson Military College filed in the MDAH Subject File folder, Jefferson College, History of.

Carpenter Hall was constructed, using funds that had been bequeathed to the College by Miss Agnes Z. Carpenter, for whom the building was named.

In the years following World War II, Jefferson Military College faced increasing financial difficulties as its ability to meet increasing expenses was limited by its small enrollment, modest tuition, and lack of sufficient external monetary support. By the early 1960s, the difficulties became too great for the school to continue operating. Jefferson College closed in 1964. Not long afterward its buildings and grounds were conveyed to the State of Mississippi in exchange for paying off the institution's debts.⁴⁸ The property was initially placed under the management of the Mississippi State Building Commission, which, having no use for the property, simply boarded up the buildings and abandoned them. For a period of seven years the unattended buildings were subjected to extensive theft and vandalism.⁴⁹

In August 1971 the Jefferson College property was placed under the administration of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH). One of the first actions taken by MDAH regarding Jefferson College was to arrange for the older buildings to be examined by noted preservation architect Charles E. Peterson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Peterson made a visit to Jefferson College on 15 December 1971 to assess the condition of its older buildings and make recommendations for their preservation. His recommendations were written in a report, dated 21 January 1972.⁵⁰ Peterson recommended that the Gymnasium be removed immediately, regarding it as a fire hazard which imperiled the historic buildings at either side. Under Peterson's direction, Natchez photographer Edwin H. Prince made some large-format photographs of the older buildings.⁵¹

Accompanying Peterson on his inspection of the buildings was Natchez architect Beverly Martin, of Martin & Booth Architects. Martin had been hired to prepare plans and specifications for "Renovations and Repairs to Principal Buildings at Jefferson Military College." He completed the working drawings and specifications in February 1972.⁵² On 15 April 1972, Jack Boucher, photographer for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), photographed Jefferson College. The photos he made on that date can be seen on the HABS web site. These photographs show the buildings before any of the proposed renovation work had been done. In July 1972 it was announced that Druetta Construction Company of Natchez had been awarded the contract for the first phase of exterior work on the four oldest buildings. This work was to consist of "demolition of the gymnasium building; removing the 1895 front balconies on the East and West

⁴⁸ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 132.

⁴⁹ The abandoned and deteriorating condition of the property can be seen in numerous photographs accompanying an article, "Jeff Academy's Fate: State Park or Ruins?" that appeared in the *Clarion Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), 20 October 1968. A xerographic copy of the article is filed in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**.

⁵⁰ This report is currently filed, inappropriately, in Official Records Series 125, the **"Education in the Old South West": Editors' Files, 1972-1976**, in a folder labeled "A memorandum on Jefferson College, Washington, MS, 1971-72."

⁵¹ Prints of several of these photographs are included in Peterson's report. Four of these images are in the HABS collection at the Library of Congress, and can be seen on the HABS web pages for Jefferson College, the kitchen at Jefferson College, and the President's House.

⁵² The blueprints are filed in Official Records Series 1332, Box 29635 (Restricted). This "box" is actually a huge flat folder (measuring about four feet by five feet), labeled "Jefferson College Blueprints." The Specifications are filed in Series 1332, Box 12458, folder 1.

Wings; a new slate roof on the West Wing; repairing all windows; and other exterior repairs.”⁵³

In the fall of 1972, the Gymnasium building was demolished, the iron galleries were removed from the fronts of the East and West Wings, and partitions and fixtures that did not date from before the 1890s were removed from those buildings.

Before the renovation work proceeded much farther, however, work was halted. “Recognizing that the scope of the project was actually restoration, the Building Commission, at its meeting on April 13, 1973, voted to terminate all contracts and architectural agreements.”⁵⁴ The contracts for the initial design and construction work on the restoration of Jefferson College were terminated “because those firms with whom the contracts were made lacked knowledge of restoration techniques.”⁵⁵

Over the next several months, the overall program of restoring the older buildings of Jefferson College was completely reorganized. In March 1974 it was announced that Fred Wagner, of Bay St. Louis, had been selected as project architect for restoration work at Jefferson College.⁵⁶ At a meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee on 13 May 1974, Elbert R. Hilliard, who was then the director of the Division of Historic Sites and Archaeology for MDAH, presented a document titled “Program Outline, Selective Restoration and Development, Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi,” which provided a detailed list of work items underway and work yet to be done, including the completion of the report on the building and grounds of Jefferson College by MDAH architectural historian Dawn Maddox⁵⁷, the writing of a “Socio-Cultural History of Jefferson College” by Tom Blain,⁵⁸ the preparation of HABS-quality “as-found” drawings by Fred Wagner, and the preparation of a topographic site map by Jordan, Kaiser & Sessions and Michael Baker, Inc.⁵⁹ In July 1974 a “restoration team” was formed to guide and coordinate the restoration efforts.⁶⁰

In the later months of 1974 and the early months of 1975, a very detailed set of 40 pages of measured drawings of the East and West Wings and the East and West Kitchens was prepared by C.J. Heitzman, delineator, under the direction of Fred Wagner.

⁵³ “Jefferson College Newsletter” 1:2 (July 1972) (published by the Friends of Jefferson College), in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**.

⁵⁴ Elbert R. Hilliard, in his Introduction (February 1975), in Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. viii.

⁵⁵ Robert J. Bailey, “Preservation in the Past: A Brief History,” Chapter 3 of *Historic Preservation in Mississippi: A Comprehensive Plan* (Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1975), p. 63.

⁵⁶ “Bay St. Louis Architect to Restore Famed College,” *The Daily Herald* (Biloxi-Gulfport, Miss.), Monday, 11 March 1974, p. 26 (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1973-1976**).

⁵⁷ Dawn Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century,” (Typescript, Jackson, Miss., Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1971) [MDAH library call number 727/M26b], and a later, published version, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century,” which appeared in *The Journal of Mississippi History*, 35:1 (February 1973), and which was also printed and bound separately as a booklet. There are several copies of the separately-printed booklet in the MDAH collections, including copies in the MDAH library collection [MDAH library call number 727/M69bu]. Dawn Maddox’s report summarizes the history of the buildings of Jefferson College only to the end of the nineteenth century. The Program Outline noted that the study “should be carried through to the closing of the school,” but that was not done.

⁵⁸ This is the book by William T. Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest: A History of Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi* (Washington, Miss.: Friends of Jefferson College, Inc., 1976). [MDAH library call number 378.762J/B57e]

⁵⁹ This topographic site map is filed in Series 1332, Box 20009, with a printed copy in Box 29635.

⁶⁰ Robert J. Bailey, “Preservation in the Past: A Brief History,” Chapter 3 of *Historic Preservation in Mississippi: A Comprehensive Plan* (Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1975), p. 63.

⁶¹ These drawings also constitute the first 40 pages of the complete 85-sheet set of architectural drawings for the restoration work that was done from 1975 to 1977. This complete set of working drawings, dated 1 April 1975, is filed in Official Records Series 1764, Box 6525 [Restricted].

Initial restoration of the West Wing and the West Kitchen building was resumed in 1975. The work was done by the Carter and Mullings Construction Company under the supervision of architect Fred Wagner, and was completed by April 1977,⁶² but the East Wing received only a partial exterior restoration at that time. In July 1977 “Historic Jefferson College” was opened to the public as a historic site administered by MDAH.⁶³

⁶¹ There are several sets of these drawings in the MDAH collections. The most definitive set is included as part of a much more extensive 85-sheet set of architectural drawings, labeled as “Restoration of Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi,” dated 1 April 1975, filed in Official Records Series 1764, Box 6525 (Restricted Access). Preliminary sets are filed in Series 1332, Box 5448. There is also a reduced-size set of the drawings, in white-line on blue background, filed (incorrectly) in an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1977.002, Box 1. (These drawings are incorrectly filed, because they were made after the property came into the ownership of the Department of Archives and History, and should therefore not be considered part of the private manuscripts collection, but rather part of the Official Records.)

⁶² A photograph from the *Columbian Progress* (Columbia, Miss.), 28 April 1977, a xerographic copy of which is in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1977-1979.**

⁶³ “Oldest College to Open Soon,” *Clarion Ledger*, July 11, 1977, and “Jefferson College Reopens,” *Natchez Democrat*, July 18, 1977. Copies of both of these articles are included in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1976-1979.**

3.1.1 CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

<i>Year(s)</i>	<i>Month and day(s)</i>	<i>Event or occurrence</i>
1802	February 1	Washington became the seat of government of the Mississippi Territory by act of the territorial legislature. ⁶⁴
1802	May 13	Jefferson College was incorporated by act of the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory, ⁶⁵ the first incorporation of any organization for any purpose in Mississippi.
1803	July 25	The Board of Trustees voted to accept a donation of land by John and James Foster and Randall Gibson. ⁶⁶ Sixteen additional acres were acquired within the following year. ⁶⁷
1803	November 11	The Territorial Legislature confirmed that Jefferson College would be located at the community of Washington. ⁶⁸
1804		Deeds of conveyance for the several parcels making up the Jefferson College property were drawn up and recorded. ⁶⁹
1811	January 7	Jefferson College opened as a preparatory school. ⁷⁰ Classes were held at a wood-frame school building on the grounds that no longer survives. That building, which had been built for Washington Academy but was located on the property of Jefferson College, was acquired by the Board of Trustees in December 1810. ⁷¹
1817		Levi Weeks designed the first building constructed for the college, the East Wing. ⁷²
1817	July 10	The Board of Trustees instructed the Building Committee to enter into a contract with Lewis Evans for the erection of the college building (the East Wing). ⁷³
1817	August	The Board of Trustees contracted with Lewis Evans to build the East Wing. ⁷⁴

⁶⁴ Dunbar Rowland, *History of Mississippi :The Heart of the South*, Volume I (Atlanta, Ga.: Southern Historical Publishing Association, 1925; reprinted Spartanburg, South Carolina: The Reprint Co., 1978), p. 384. [MDAH library call number 976.2/R79mi4/v.1]

⁶⁵ Dawn Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," *The Journal of Mississippi History*, 35:1 (February 1973); and "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

⁶⁶ William T. Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest: A History of Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi* (Washington, Miss.: Friends of Jefferson College, Inc., 1976), p. 5, citing the Journal of the Board of Trustees, vol. 1, pp. 23-25.

⁶⁷ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 7.

⁶⁸ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 6; and "Outline History of Jefferson College," n.d.

⁶⁹ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 7, note 21. (The text of the note is on page 18.)

⁷⁰ "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

⁷¹ "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

⁷² Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 33, citing the Journal of the Board of Trustees, vol.1, pp.211-212, and a letter from L. Weeks to the Board of Trustees, dated 24 May 1817, in the Jefferson College Papers (Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 11, Folder 8); also Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," who presumably used the same sources. The clearest primary source documentation is a record of a payment to Levi Weeks on 1 November 1817, for making a "draft" for the College, in a list of payments made by the treasurer between 1817 and 1825, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 11, Folder 8; and the letter referred to by Blain, dated 24 May 1817, in the Jefferson College Papers (Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 32 [correspondence], Folder 75).

⁷³ Journal (Minutes) of the Board of Trustees, vol. 1 (3 January 1803-15 May 1819), p. 210 (Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 1).

⁷⁴ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 33, citing the Journal of the Board of Trustees, vol. 1, p. 213. In a note regarding this, Blain added "The selection of Evans might have aroused local suspicions. He was elected a college trustee in June of 1817, and, when the contract was let, he had been serving on the trustees' building committee. He promptly resigned the latter responsibility but remained a member of the board of trustees (*ibid.* pp. 197, 209, 213.)" Evans is also named as the

1819	January 9	The Board of Trustees authorized a payment of \$2000 to Lewis Evans on his contract to built the East Wing. ⁷⁵
1819	April 24	The Board of Trustees was preparing to let contracts for finishing the interior of the East Wing. ⁷⁶
1819	June 19	Lewis Evans was paid \$500 as on his contract to build the East Wing. ⁷⁷
1819	August 4	Lewis Evans was paid \$2000 on his contract to build the East Wing. ⁷⁸
1820	July 1	A payment was made to George Durrie for plastering the Steward's House and 20 fireplaces in the College building (East Wing) and Steward's house. ⁷⁹
1820	July 15	A payment was made to Garretson & Davidson for installing locks on doors, presumably in the East Wing. ⁸⁰
1820	December 8	A payment was made to Garretson & Davidson for hanging some doors, presumably in the East Wing. ⁸¹
1820	December	The East Wing was evidently completed by this time. ⁸² A list of vouchers for payment forwarded to the treasurer by the building committee in 1820 and 1821 shows that most of the vouchers had been submitted by 8 December 1820. ⁸³
1826	January 30	The Legislature passed an act reorganizing the Board of Trustees of Jefferson College, reducing its membership from 40 to 25, making the sitting governor the <i>ex officio</i> president of the Board and lieutenant governor an <i>ex officio</i> member of the Board, and requiring legislative election of any new members of the Board. ⁸⁴
1831	January	The Board of Trustees received estimates for remodeling the old Methodist Church to convert it to a school building for the

builder of the east Wing by Maddox, in "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," who presumably used the same sources.

⁷⁵ A record of a payment of \$2000 to Lewis Evans, contractor, on 9 January 1819, in a list of payments made by the treasurer between 1817 and 1825, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 11, Folder 8.

⁷⁶ Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" She does not provide a specific source for this, but the documentation for it is in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on 24 April 1819, recorded in the Journal of the Board of Trustees, vol. 1, page 251.

⁷⁷ A record of a payment of \$500 to Lewis Evans, contractor, on 19 June 1819, in a list of payments made by the treasurer between 1817 and 1825, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 11, Folder 8.

⁷⁸ A record of a payment of \$2000 to Lewis Evans, contractor, on 4 August 1819, in a list of payments made by the treasurer between 1817 and 1825, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 11, Folder 8.

⁷⁹ Voucher for payment to George Devereux, dated 1 July 1820, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 13, Folder 27.

⁸⁰ Voucher for payment to Garretson & Davidson, dated 15 July 1820, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 13, Folder 27.

⁸¹ Voucher for payment to Garretson & Davidson, dated 8 December 1820, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 13, Folder 28.

⁸² "Outline History of Jefferson College." The completion of the East Wing by the end of 1820 can be inferred from surviving documentation, but no specific source that confirms this date has yet been identified.

⁸³ A list of vouchers for payment forwarded to the treasurer by the building committee in 1820 and 1821, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 13, Folder 30.

⁸⁴ Recorded in the Acts of the 10th Session of the General Assembly of the State of Mississippi, Chapter XI, this was the 7th amendment to the act authorizing the establishment of the College. It is cited in a report to the Governor, dated 10 December 1838, that was presented to the Board of Trustees on 14 January 1839, which is recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, p. 121.

		Primary Department. A sketch of the floor plan of that building was prepared at the time of those estimates. ⁸⁵
1832	October 1	The Board of Trustees appointed a committee to “designate and lay out a piece of ground not exceeding the area of half an acre to include the spot where the late Major Holbrook was interred, to be appropriated as a cemetery for Jefferson College.”
1834	April	Repairs were made to the main college building (the East Wing). ⁸⁶
1836	June 7	The Board of Trustees discussed plans to build a second brick building (the West Wing). ⁸⁷
1836	November	The steward’s cookhouse was destroyed by a fire. ⁸⁸ In a report about settling accounts with the former steward, presented to the Board on 27 December 1836, it was noted that “... Boarding has been charged for the number of students agreed upon from the first of October to the 19 th of November, the period at which the buildings attached to the Steward’s house were destroyed ...” ⁸⁹
1836	November 22	At a meeting of the Board on 22 November 1836, the condition and possible disposition of the old Steward’s House was discussed. The decision was made to dismantle and sell the Steward’s House and not rebuild it, but, instead, to consider the possibility of moving the steward’s activities into a new building adjacent to the existing college building. A resolution was adopted saying “Resolved, that the Vice President, together with Mssrs. B.L.C. Wailes, Monette, Newman, and Davis constitute a committee to enquire into the plan, expediency, and cost of adding a wing to the College Edifice as the Steward’s department and report on the same to the next meeting of the Board.” ⁹⁰
1836	December	At a meeting of the Board on 27 December 1836 stated that the curative committee reported “that they have sold the Steward’s House to F.L. Claiborne ⁹¹ for one hundred and fifty dollars ...” ⁹²
1837	July 18	At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on this date, a committee appointed to investigate the advisability of erecting an second

⁸⁵ Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century” She does not provide a specific source for this, but the documentation for it is an “Estimate for expenses of repairing the old Methodist Church” and a sketch floor plan of that building, from 1831, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 13, Folder 39.

⁸⁶ Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century”

⁸⁷ Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century”

⁸⁸ “Outline History of Jefferson College” (1952).

⁸⁹ A report presented to the Board of Trustees on 27 December 1836, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, p. 10, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹⁰ A report presented to the Board of Trustees on 22 November 1836, and a resolution adopted on that date, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, pp. 6-7, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹¹ This was Ferdinand Leigh Claiborne (Junior), who had become a member of the Board of Trustees in 1834. He was the son of General Ferdinand Leigh Claiborne (Senior), who had also been a member of the Board, having been elected in 1810.

⁹² A report presented to the Board of Trustees on 27 December 1836, recorded in Volume 4 of the minutes of the Board of Trustees, p. 12, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

building recommended “the erection of the West Wing of the College Edifice as originally contemplated, corresponding with the East Wing as to dimensions and external conformation. A space of fifty feet should be left between the wings on which to erect the center building.” The committee’s recommendations continued with detailed specifications for the building. A resolution was adopted at the same meeting, saying “Resolved, that the Vice President be authorized and requested to advertize for proposals for building the West Wing of Jefferson College and a kitchen in accordance with the plan adopted and to report to the board such offers as he may receive previous to 1 October next for adoption at the earliest day practicable ...”⁹³

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| 1838 | April 9 | At a meeting of the Board on 9 April 1838, “Various sealed proposals for erecting the West wing of Jefferson College were laid before the Board, opened, and read. And on motion it was Resolved, That the committee for receiving proposals be authorized to cause a written contract or articles of agreement to be prepared for execution for the erection of the college buildings and kitchen on the plan proposed. The materials, dimensions of the timbers, time of completion, terms of payment, and security to be given to be distinctly specified. The cost of said buildings not to exceed Twenty thousand dollars. Said contract to be ready for execution on Monday next.” ⁹⁴ |
| 1838 | April 16 | The Board of Trustees approved the contract with Montgomery & Keyes for the erection of the West Wing and a kitchen (the West Kitchen). ⁹⁵ |
| 1838 | Summer | The second building constructed for the college, the West Wing, was under construction, being built by Natchez builders Montgomery & Keyes. ⁹⁶ |
| 1838 | Fall | The college property was enclosed by a fence constructed by John W. Bryan. ⁹⁷ |
| 1839 | January | The two Live Oak trees flanking the entrance gate of Jefferson College (sometimes erroneously referred to as the “Burr Oaks”) were planted by B.L.C. Wailes. ⁹⁸ |

⁹³ A copy of the report and a rough draft of the resolution filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 15, Folder 69; and a recordation of the report and the resolution in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, pp. 41-43, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹⁴ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, pp. 97-99, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹⁵ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, p. 100, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2.

⁹⁶ William T. Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest: A History of Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi* (Washington, Miss.: Friends of Jefferson College, Inc., 1976), p. 45, and Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century.”

⁹⁷ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, pp. 105-111, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2; and Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 55.

⁹⁸ James F. Barnett, Jr., “Live Oaks at Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi,” a typescript report dated 2 April 1990 (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1990-1999**). Primary source documentation is an entry dated January 1839 in the *Register of Donations (1804-1853)*, p. 8, in the Jefferson College Papers,

1839	January 14	The building committee reported to the Board of Trustees that the fence around the college grounds had been completed, and recommended that two stiles be constructed. ⁹⁹
1839	February 1	Montgomery & Keyes informed the Board of Trustees that the completion of the construction of the West Wing had been delayed, in part because the marble door sills, which had been ordered from New York, had not yet arrived. ¹⁰⁰
1839	March	The construction of the West Wing was completed. ¹⁰¹
1839	March 9	The Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing the Building Committee "to receive the new building [the West Wing] from the contractors." ¹⁰²
1839	April 23	Payment was authorized for Montgomery & Keys for installing window blinds (i.e. shutters) on the West Wing. They received the payment on 2 May 1839. ¹⁰³
1839	August 29	A contract was signed with Seaman and Smith for construction of the kitchen (the "East Kitchen"). ¹⁰⁴
1841	October 21	The East Wing was severely damaged by a fire. ¹⁰⁵
1841	November 8	The Board of Trustees had an extensive discussion of the fire and made an investigation into its cause. ¹⁰⁶
1841	December 23	Thomas C. Finney was contracted to make initial repairs to the building, consisting mostly of re-roofing the building, repairing the exterior walls, and boarding-up the doors and windows to protect it from the weather. In this initial work, the interior was left unrepaired. ¹⁰⁷ Finney had completed his initial repairs to the East Wing by June 1842.

Z/0059.000, Box 3. Barnett asserts that these are the two large trees that flank the present gate. Dawn Maddox, however, in a footnote in "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" (1973) asserts that these trees were planted at a different gate, closer to the main buildings. Considering, however, that the college property extended all the way to North Street, and that the present gateway faces onto North Street, the evidence would appear to favor Barnett's position.

⁹⁹ Report of the building committee, dated 14 January 1839, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 16, Folder 77.

¹⁰⁰ A letter from Montgomery & Keyes, dated 1 February 1839, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 16, Folder 77.

¹⁰¹ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 45, citing a report to the Board of Trustees by Levin Covington, dated March 18, 1839, in the Jefferson College Papers, and the Mississippi Free Trader and Natchez Weekly Gazette, March 14, 1839. The completion of this building is also included in the "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

¹⁰² Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, p. 136.

¹⁰³ These payments are listed in a Treasurer's Report that was presented to the Board at its meeting on 31 July 1839, as recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 4, pp. 156-158, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 2. The receipts for these payments are recorded in the Receipt Book of 1837-1845, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 5.

¹⁰⁴ Contract with Seaman & Smith, dated 29 August 1839, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 16, Folder 82.

¹⁰⁵ An article transcribed from the Mississippi Free Trader and Natchez Daily Gazette, dated 23 October 1841, a xerographic copy of which is filed in the MDAH Subject File folder, Jefferson College, 1802-1902; and also notes of an investigation into the cause of the fire of 21 October 1841, made at a meeting of members of the Board on 8 November 1841, recorded in Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 232-239. The fire is mentioned in Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" (1971 and 1973), citing Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, page 235.

¹⁰⁶ From notes of an investigation into the cause of the fire of 21 October 1841, made at a meeting of members of the Board on 8 November 1841, recorded in Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, pages 232-239.

¹⁰⁷ The contract with Thomas C. Finney is filed in the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 16, Folder 89. In this transcription some oddities of spelling and punctuation have been corrected to the standard modern form. Another typed transcription of the contract is included as Appendix 13 on page 36 of the unpublished report, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," compiled by Dawn Maddox in 1971. (The appendices were not included in the version of that report that was published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* in 1973.)

1842	July 23	The Board of Trustees reviewed proposals for repairs to the interior of the East Wing, but the Board decided not to take any action at that time, apparently concerned that they could not afford the cost. ¹⁰⁸
1842	August 10	The home of Dr. John C. Inge, adjacent to the college, was purchased for use as a President's House, for \$1,350.00. ¹⁰⁹
1845	November	The Board entered into a contract with James M. Vandervort and Laurence M. Greenleaf for completing the repairs to the interior carpentry of the East Wing. ¹¹⁰ (A separate contract was made with James M. Shackleford for plastering.)
1846	June 29	By this date, repairs to the East Wing, made by Vandervort and Greenleaf of Natchez, had been completed. ¹¹¹
1846	July 6	The Board of Trustees entered into a contract with Vandervort and Greenleaf for painting the exterior woodwork on the West Wing. ¹¹²
1846	July 6	The Board called on the Executive Committee to "procure a sufficient number of Venetian blinds and cause them to be put up on the front of both buildings [the East Wing and the West Wing] and at the back windows of the Library apartment [of the east Wing]." ¹¹³
1847		Thirty-one pairs of "Venetian blinds" were made and installed on the East and West Wings by contractor Thomas Rose. ¹¹⁴
1863	July	Last meeting of the Board of Trustees for two years, because of the war.
1865	July	Board of Trustees met for the first time since July 1863.

¹⁰⁸ Volume 4 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, page 267. The report from the committee is filed in the archival documents of the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 17, Folder 92. With it is a list of the proposals that were received. The "minority report" of Levin Wailes is filed in the undated archival documents of the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 11, Folder 5.

¹⁰⁹ Deed for the purchase of the Inge property, dated 10 August 1842, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 17, Folder 93. The purchase is mentioned in Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 48.

¹¹⁰ Contract with Vandervort & Greenleaf, dated November 1845, with attached specifications dated 4 June 1845, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 17, Folder 100. In this transcription some oddities of spelling and punctuation have been corrected to the standard modern form. Another typed transcription of the contract is included as Appendix 15 on pages 39-40 of the unpublished report, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," compiled by Dawn Maddox in 1971. (The appendices were not included in the version of that report that was published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* in 1973.)

¹¹¹ Records of payments to Vandervort and Greenleaf, in the Day Book of 1845-1854 (in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 5) and also in the Treasurer's Report that was presented on 13 August 1846, on page 89 of Volume 5 of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees (filed as an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1994.0001). Vouchers for these payments are filed in the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 17, Folders 101 and 102. The completion of the building was reported to the Board on 6 July 1846, as recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 5, pp. 85-87. Maddox, in "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," says that the work was completed in December 1845, but Vandervort and Greenleaf didn't begin their work until November 1845, and they did not receive their final payment for work on the East Wing until 29 June 1846.

¹¹² Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century," citing a contract, dated 6 July 1846, in Jefferson College Papers, Box 17, Folder 102.

¹¹³ Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on 6 July 1846 (Minutes of the Board of Trustees, volume 5, page 87, in an accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1994.001). The draft of the resolution is filed in the Jefferson College Papers, in Box 17, Folder 102.

¹¹⁴ A note, dated 28 December 1846 and signed by Thomas Rose, concerning his proposal for this work, is filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 17, Folder 104; and a voucher for payment is filed in Box 18, folder 106. A prominent Natchez contractor, Rose was the builder of "Stanton Hall" (1851-57) and "Edgewood" (1859-60).

1865	November 1	The Freedmen's Bureau, which has been using Jefferson College as a school for freed slaves, released the Jefferson College property back to the Board of Trustees. ¹¹⁵
1870	June 20	An unsuccessful effort was made to sell the materials of the dilapidated former Methodist Church building, which had been used as the Primary School. ¹¹⁶
1872	April 13	James McCabe was paid for installing new shutters on the north, east, and west sides of the East Wing. ¹¹⁷
1872	June 13	James McCabe was paid for installing new shutters on the north and west sides of the West Wing ¹¹⁸ and making "82 fastenings for uplifted sash in both edifices." ¹¹⁹
1873	January	The Old Methodist Church building was destroyed by a tornado. ¹²⁰
1876	March – May	The staircase in the East Wing was largely rebuilt by W.H. Wilson, with new walnut balusters ordered from a lumber company in Louisville, Kentucky. ¹²¹
1879		A new fence of horizontal 14-foot cypress planks was built on the west side of the campus. ¹²²
1883	February to May	James McCabe did substantial work on the President's House. ¹²³ Notations on an invoice for the purchase of lumber at that time appear to indicate that the double-tiered gallery was installed on the President's House at that time. ¹²⁴
1889		Some remodeling was done on the third story of the West Wing by J.P. Tierney. ¹²⁵
1890	October 3	A contract was made with sheet metal contractor P.W. Mulvihill for removing the shingle roof on the "West Building of Jefferson College" and installing a roof of standing-seam sheet steel, warranted for 5 years, to be completed on or before 1 November 1890. ¹²⁶

¹¹⁵ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 125.

¹¹⁶ Copy of a notice advertising the proposed sale of the old church building, and a report presented on 4 July 1870 to the Board of Trustees about the attempted sale of the building, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 19, Folder 152.

¹¹⁷ A voucher for payment to James McCabe, dated 13 April 1872, for installing new shutters on the north, east, and west sides of the East Wing, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 20, Folder 159.

¹¹⁸ There are no windows on the east side.

¹¹⁹ A voucher for payment to James McCabe, dated 13 June 1872, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 20, Folder 159.

¹²⁰ Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century."

¹²¹ Invoice for the purchase of the balusters, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 21, Folder 181; invoice from W.H. Wilson, dated 2 June 1876, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 21, Folder 182; and Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 6, pages 352 and 353, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4.

¹²² Maddox, "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century."

¹²³ Vouchers for payment to James McCabe, on multiple dates in February, March, April, and May 1883, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 22, Folders 220, 221, and 222.

¹²⁴ Invoice from R.F. Learned, for the purchase of lumber in February, March, and April 1883, in the Jefferson College Papers, Z/0059.000, Box 22, Folder 222.

¹²⁵ A proposal for this work, dated 11 July 1889, is included in Box 23, Folder 244, of the Jefferson College Papers. A typed transcription of this proposal was included as Appendix 18 on page 43 of the unpublished version of "The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century" that was compiled by Dawn Maddox in 1971. (This appendix was not included in the version of that report that was published in the *Journal of Mississippi History* in 1973.)

¹²⁶ A contract for this work, dated 3 October 1890, with P.W. Mulvihill, and an invoice from P.W. Mulvihill, dated 29 December 1890, for installing sheet roofing and some other work, are filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 24, Folder

1894	October 20	At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on this date, “it was suggested by Mr. [Orin] Metcalfe that it was very important that a gymnasium be added to the college and [that] a building [be] erected for that purpose between the East and West college buildings. Upon motion of Mr. G.M. Brown it was resolved that Mr. C.R. Purnell be employed to draft in pencil a plan for the front of such a building as was desired.” ¹²⁷
1894	December	W.K. Ketteringham (Sr.) was paid \$40.00 for plans and specifications for the proposed center building (Gymnasium). ¹²⁸
1894	December	Iron galleries were ordered for the East Wing and West Wing, “to be built by the firm of Fox and Purnell according to the plan and specifications of Mesker Brothers.” ¹²⁹
1895	April	By this date the construction of the center building and the installation of the iron galleries on the East and West Wings had been completed. ¹³⁰ (Interestingly, though the center building was completed in 1895, an early photograph indicates that a date panel on the front face of its cupola displayed the date 1894.)
1899	Fall	The upper story of the Gymnasium was converted into eight dormitory rooms. ¹³¹
1900	July	Vol. 2, No. 10 of <u>The Jeffersonian</u> (a booklet in the MDAH Library, that has photographs of the buildings and grounds in 1899-1900) was published.
1902	July	Vol. 4, No. 2 of <u>The Jeffersonian</u> (a graduation souvenir booklet in the MDAH Library, that has photographs of the buildings and grounds in 1901-1902) was published. ¹³² By this time, according to a photo in the booklet (which is the same as the photo on postcard 2129 in the Cooper Postcard Collection) the fronts of the three main buildings had been whitewashed.
1907	September 18	A detailed proposal was made by Sydney Marshall, president of the Manufacturers’ Machinery Company, of New Orleans, for installing an acetylene gas generator and gas lighting in the college buildings.

251. Payment for this work, made on 12 January 1891, is recorded on a treasurer’s report presented on 7 February 1891, in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 59, in the Jefferson College papers, Box 4.

¹²⁷ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 175, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4.

¹²⁸ An invoice from W.H. Ketteringham, dated 26 December 1894, for \$40 for “plans and specifications for Jefferson College work at Washington, Miss.,” is filed in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 25, Folder 273. This payment is listed in a treasurer’s report dated 11 January 1895, in the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 183, in the Jefferson College papers, Box 4, and also in a typed financial report for the “College Improvement Account,” dated 29 June 1895 and 3 July 1895, filed in Box 25, Folder 278.

¹²⁹ Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century.”

¹³⁰ Maddox, “The Buildings and Grounds of Jefferson College in the Nineteenth Century.”

¹³¹ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 8, page 253, in the Jefferson College Papers, Box 4.

¹³² The Jeffersonian was published as a school newsletter or newspaper, but special issues were also published, such as for the commencement souvenirs.

1910	May-October	The Gymnasium building was remodeled and was given a brick façade. ¹³³
1915	January 13	The dormitory building that had been built in 1900 on the site later occupied by Raymond Hall was destroyed by a fire. ¹³⁴
1915	July	Raymond Hall was completed. ¹³⁵ It is named for Dr. Joseph S. Raymond, who was Superintendent of Jefferson College from August 1872 until 1911. ¹³⁶
1931		Prospere Hall was built. ¹³⁷ It is named for Col. Clarence Greene Prospere, who was Superintendent of Jefferson College from August 1917 until his death on 21 March 1926. ¹³⁸
1936	April 15	James Butters, photographer for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) photographed Jefferson College. Photos he made on that date can be seen on the HABS web site.
1937		Carpenter Hall was built. ¹³⁹ It was funded from a bequest in the will of Miss Agnes Z. Carpenter of Natchez. ¹⁴⁰ The building is named for her.
1940	January 23	Raymond Hall was seriously damaged by a fire. ¹⁴¹ (This was the first of three fires suffered by Raymond Hall during the 1940s. The first was on 23 January 1940, the second was on 11 January 1943, and the third and most destructive was on 11 March 1947.)
1943	January 11	Another fire ravaged Raymond Hall. ¹⁴² (This was the second of three fires suffered by Raymond Hall during the 1940s.)
1947	March 11	Raymond Hall was almost completely destroyed by yet another fire. ¹⁴³ (This was the third and most devastating of three fires suffered by Raymond Hall during the 1940s.)
1954-55		Some work was done on the older buildings at the College under the direction of architect Beverly Martin. ¹⁴⁴ That work was paid for, in part, by funds provided by "Mrs. Gray." ¹⁴⁵

¹³³ Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Volume 9, pages 95-96, filed in an unprocessed accretion to the Jefferson College Papers, Z/U/1990.034, Box 9.

¹³⁴ "Dormitory Completed Now [at] JMC," *Natchez News-Democrat*, July 4, 1915. This article was apparently reprinted at some later date (from the style of the typeface), and a xerographic copy was made of the reprint, which now in the records of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee, Series 1483, Box 11782, 23rd folder (not numbered), labeled "Newspaper clippings."

¹³⁵ "Outline History of Jefferson College" (1952).

¹³⁶ "Superintendents of Jefferson Military College," source not identified (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

¹³⁷ "Dormitory Completed Now [at] JMC," *Natchez News-Democrat*, July 4, 1915.

¹³⁸ "Superintendents of Jefferson Military College," source not identified (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

¹³⁹ "Outline History of Jefferson College," n.d.

¹⁴⁰ W.M. Drake, "Outline History of Jefferson Military College, 1802-1952."

¹⁴¹ Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on 24 January 1940, in the Transactions of the Board of Trustees, 1937-1941.

¹⁴² Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees on 2 February 1943, in the Transactions of the Board of Trustees, 1941-1948.

¹⁴³ Several newspaper clippings, for which no source is given, in the newspaper clipping files in the Jefferson Military College Papers, Z/0059.001, Box 76, Folder 852, and Box 77, Folder 862.

¹⁴⁴ In Box 38, Folder 510 of the Jefferson Military College papers, Z/0059.001, is a carbon copy of a letter, dated 15 June 1955, from W.M. Drake, President of the Board, to members of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees in which he

1954-55		<i>Jefferson Military College Catalog for 1954-55</i> was published. It contains photographs of Raymond Hall, Prospere Hall, and Carpenter Hall made by Knabb-Lane Studio of Natchez. (There are prints of these photos in the Jefferson College photograph collection, PI/ED.J63.)
1955	August	Some repairs were made to Raymond Hall immediately before the beginning of the 1955-56 school term that entailed a cost of \$8,539.46. ¹⁴⁶
1956	Summer	Some repairs were made to "Gray Hall" (the Administration Building complex, consisting of the West Wing, the "Center Section," and the East Wing). ¹⁴⁷
1958	November	Part of the movie "The Horse Soldiers" was filmed at Jefferson College, with cadets from both Jefferson Military College and Chamberlain-Hunt Academy participating. ¹⁴⁸
1964	May 30	The final graduation ceremonies were held at Jefferson College, after which the school was closed. ¹⁴⁹
1964	June 11	The Mississippi Legislature passed House Bill 767, which authorized the purchase of the property of Jefferson College and authorized the establishment of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee (later, as of 1 July 1972, redesignated as the Jefferson College Advisory Committee) to develop plans for the preservation and development of the site. ¹⁵⁰
1965		The property of Jefferson College was conveyed to the State of Mississippi, in exchange for the payment of \$52, 000 in debt owed by the school. ¹⁵¹
1967	July 14	A meeting of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee was held. ¹⁵²
1967	October 20	A meeting of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee was held. ¹⁵³

mentions a letter he had sent to "our architect, Mr. Martin." He says that it is "a review of the work that has been done on the three buildings which Mrs. Gray wanted us to restore." (The referenced letter, however, is not in that file.)

¹⁴⁵ This was Matilda Geddings Gray (1885-1971), of Lake Charles, La., who was, by this time, serving as a member of the Board of Trustees. She and her brother William Kirkman Gray had donated a substantial sum of money to the College in 1951 in memory of their brother, John Geddings Gray, Jr., who had been a student at Jefferson College in 1903 and 1904. She was divorced at this time, and had reverted to her maiden name, but is typically referred to as "Mrs. Gray."

¹⁴⁶ A report to the Board of Trustees from F. R. Blankenstein, President of the Board, summarizing the year 1955-56, in Box 38, Folder 514 of the Jefferson Military College papers, Z/0059.001

¹⁴⁷ Documents in the Jefferson Military College Papers, Z/0059.001, Box 43, Folder 568, and Box 52, Folder 686.

¹⁴⁸ Documents in the Jefferson Military College Papers, Z/0059.001, Box 45, Folders 606 through 608.

¹⁴⁹ A memorandum to the Board of Trustees, dated 2 March 1964, outlining the procedures for closing the school, filed in the Jefferson Military College Papers, Z/0059.001, Box 39, Folder 522.

¹⁵⁰ Laws of Mississippi, 1964, Chapter 550, House Bill No. 767. A xerographic copy of this page is filed in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782, in a folder labeled "Legislation."

¹⁵¹ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 132.

¹⁵² These minutes are filed in an unnumbered folder labeled "Minutes, 1967-1977" in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

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1970	June	David Peabody made some photographs at Jefferson College. (These photos are on Rolls C-67 and C-68 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1970	August 25	Jefferson College was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
1970	October 14	Representatives of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee, including Mrs. R.L. Schuchs, chairman, attended a meeting of the State Building Commission. Mrs. Schuchs made a presentation outlining the Committee's plan for Jefferson College. ¹⁵⁴
1970	December 17	A meeting of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee was held. ¹⁵⁵
1971	May 27	A meeting of the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee was held. ¹⁵⁶
1971	June 10	The State Building Commission approved the transfer of the Jefferson College property to the to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. ¹⁵⁷
1971	July 8	The State Building Commission "ratified the appointment of Martin & Booth as architects for the renovation and repairs to be initiated at this facility [Jefferson Military Academy]." ¹⁵⁸
1971	August 12	The State Building Commission "heard a report from the Attorney General's office regarding the transfer of the deed to Jefferson Military Academy to [the Department of Archives and History]. It was stated that this transaction should be completed within a few days." ¹⁵⁹
1971	October 14	The State Building Commission appointed William Lampton Gill to work with Martin & Booth on renovations and repairs to "Jefferson Military Academy." ¹⁶⁰
1971	November	The property of Jefferson College was conveyed by deed from the Mississippi State Building Commission to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. ¹⁶¹

¹⁵⁴ Minutes of the meeting on 14 October 1979, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 28, pp. 740-743. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995. There is a xerographic copy of these four pages, containing the outline of the plan, in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

¹⁵⁵ These minutes are filed in an unnumbered folder labeled "Minutes, 1967-1977" in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

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¹⁵⁷ Minutes of the meeting on 10 June 1971, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 29, pp. 959-960. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995. There is a xerographic copy of these two pages, containing the text of the resolution approving the transfer of the property, in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

¹⁵⁸ Minutes of the meeting on 8 July 1971, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 30 (?), p. 975 (though the page number suggests that this should be part of Book 29). These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995.

¹⁵⁹ Minutes of the meeting on 12 August 1971, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 30, p. 13. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995.

¹⁶⁰ Minutes of the meeting on 14 October 1971, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 30, p. 84. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995.

¹⁶¹ Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. 132.

1971	November	The organization "Friends of Jefferson College" was formed. ¹⁶²
1971	November	T.J. Foster was hired by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History as the first site administrator of Jefferson College. ¹⁶³
1971	November 10	The State Building Commission approved a private consultant contract for William Lampton Gill to work on renovations and repairs to Jefferson Military Academy, and Martin & Booth were to prepare the working drawings and specifications "with both of these architects being under the supervision of Charles Peterson, Architectural Consultant, in order to properly implement Phase I of this project." ¹⁶⁴
1971	December 12	An open house was held at Jefferson College to allow visitors to see the newly cleaned-up property. ¹⁶⁵
1971	December 15	Noted preservation architect Charles E. Peterson made a visit to Jefferson College on 15 December 1971 to assess its condition and make recommendations for the preservation of its historic buildings. His recommendations were written in a report, dated 21 January 1972. ¹⁶⁶ (He recommended in his report that the Gymnasium, erected in 1895, should be removed immediately.) Peterson was accompanied by MDAH staff architectural historian Dawn Maddox, staff historian Clinton Bagley, architect Beverly Martin, and others. Photographer Ed Prince made some large-format photos under the direction of Charles Peterson. Dawn Maddox also made some photos, which are in the MDAH archives and in the HPD negative collection.
1972	February	Architect Beverly Martin of Martin & Booth completed the working drawings and specifications for "Renovations and Repairs to Principal Buildings at Jefferson Military College." The blueprints are filed in Series 1332, Box 29635 (Restricted). The Specifications are filed in Series 1332, Box 12458, folder 1.
1972	March 9	The State Building Commission approved final plans and specifications for "Jefferson Military Academy" and authorized the advertisement for bids. ¹⁶⁷
1972	April 13	The State Building Commission awarded the contract for "renovation and repair" of Jefferson College to the Druetta Construction Company. ¹⁶⁸

¹⁶² "Friends of Jefferson College Begin Work at Historic Site," *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), Sunday, 19 December 1971 (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

¹⁶³ James F. Barnett, Jr., "Historic College Owes T.J. Gratitude," *Natchez Democrat* (Natchez, Miss.), 13 June 1996 (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

¹⁶⁴ Minutes of the meeting on 10 November 1971, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 30, p. 106. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995.

¹⁶⁵ "Jefferson Military College Open to Visitors Today," *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), Sunday, 12 December 1971 (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

¹⁶⁶ This report is currently filed, inappropriately, in Series 125, the **"Education in the Old South West": Editors' Files, 1972-1976**, in a folder labeled "A memorandum on Jefferson College, Washington, MS, 1971-72."

¹⁶⁷ Minutes of the meeting on 9 March 1972, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 30, p. 206. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36995.

1972	April	Jack Boucher, photographer for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) photographed Jefferson College. Photos he made at that time can be seen on the HABS web site.
1972	May 11	The State Building Commission authorized the application for a \$250,000.00 matching grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the restoration of Jefferson College. ¹⁶⁹
1972	July 1	Effective as of this date, in accordance with an act of the Legislature, the Jefferson Military Academy Historical Committee was officially redesignated as the Jefferson College Advisory Committee.
1972	July	Dr. R.A. McLemore, Director of MDAH, and Elbert Hilliard, Director of the Division of Historic Sites and Archaeology, announced the receipt of notification that MDAH had been awarded a matching-funds grant of approximately \$295,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for restoration work at Jefferson College. ¹⁷⁰
1972	July	It was announced that Druetta Construction Company of Natchez had been awarded the contract for the first phase of exterior work on the four oldest buildings. This work was to consist of "demolition of the gymnasium building; removing the 1895 front balconies on the East and West Wings; a new slate roof on the West Wing; repairing all windows; and other exterior repairs." ¹⁷¹
1972	October 15	Numerous photographs of Jefferson College (MDAH Historic Preservation Division photo rolls 30 through 41) were made by Bill Wright and Glenn Little. Most of the Gymnasium, except for some of the structural frame, had been removed by this date.
1972	November 4	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. At this meeting, Mr. Hilliard made a presentation about the discrepancy between the "renovation" that was authorized in appropriation of \$294,000 by the Legislature in 1971, and the "restoration" that was mandated in the matching grant of \$294,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. "From this meeting must be established, once and for all, a justification for restoration, specific objectives, and specific uses." Consulting archaeologist J. Glenn Little also presented the findings from his archaeological investigations

¹⁶⁸ Minutes of the meeting on 13 April 1972, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 31, p. 27. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36996.

¹⁶⁹ Minutes of the meeting on 11 May 1972, in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 31, pp. 44-46. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36996.

¹⁷⁰ "Jefferson College Newsletter" 1:2 (July 1972) (published by the Friends of Jefferson College) (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1964-1972**).

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		and made recommendations. Some major policy determinations were made by resolution of the committee. ¹⁷²
1973	February	Ron Miller made some photographs of the exterior of the West Kitchen and the interior of the West Wing. (These photos are on Rolls C-3 and C-10 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1973	March 13	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁷³
1973	April 13	"Recognizing that the scope of the project was actually restoration, the Building Commission, at its meeting on April 13, 1973, voted to terminate all contracts and architectural agreements." ¹⁷⁴ The contracts for the initial design and construction work on the restoration of Jefferson College were "terminated in 1973 because those firms with whom the contracts were made lacked knowledge of restoration techniques." ¹⁷⁵ At the same meeting, the State Building Commission authorized Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., to prepare a topographic map of the Jefferson College property. ¹⁷⁶
1973	June	Ron Miller made some photographs of the West Wing and some other photographs of Jefferson College. (These photos are on Roll C-12, C-13, C-16, C-17, and C-18 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1973	July 31	The day before filming of the movie "Huckleberry Finn" at Jefferson College. Ron Miller made some photographs (on C-25 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1973	August 1	The day of the filming of the movie "Huckleberry Finn" at Jefferson College. Ron Miller made some photographs (on C-26 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1973	December	Ron Miller made some photographs of the interior of Assembly Hall. (These photos are on Rolls 120 and C-66 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.) He also made some photos of some architectural details at Jefferson College (on Rolls C-37 and C-54.)
1974	February 18	The State Building Commission approved the appointment of Fred Wagner as project architect for restoration work at Jefferson

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¹⁷⁴ Elbert R. Hilliard, in his Introduction (February 1975), in Blain, *Education in the Old Southwest* (1976), p. viii. The decision is documented in the Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 32, pp. 376-377. These minutes are filed in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36996.

¹⁷⁵ Robert J. Bailey, "Preservation in the Past: A Brief History," Chapter 3 of *Historic Preservation in Mississippi: A Comprehensive Plan* (Jackson: Mississippi Department of Archives and History, 1975), p. 63.

¹⁷⁶ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 32, pp. 376-377, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36996.

		College, and also approved the assignment of Ron Miller as "Clerk of the Works." ¹⁷⁷
1974	March	Ron Miller made some photographs at Jefferson College. (These photos are on Roll C-58 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1974	May 13	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁷⁸
1974	June	Ron Miller made some photographs of the President's House and some Jefferson College furniture. (These photos are on Roll 116 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1974	July	"... [A] 'restoration team' was selected to chart a proper course of action for the development of Historic Jefferson College." ¹⁷⁹
1974	July 10	Ron Miller made some photographs of brick paving on the gallery of the East Kitchen and beside the West Wing. (These photos are on Roll 144 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1974	August	An archaeological investigation was underway at Jefferson College, led by archaeologist Bill McDonald, who was "assisted by clerk of the works Ron Miller, architectural historian on the staff of the Department of Archives and History, and Carolyn Caldwell, Archives staff archaeologist." Also assisting was "Robert N. Prospere, whose grandfather was superintendent of Jefferson College." ¹⁸⁰
1974	September 5	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁸¹
1974	Fall	Ron Miller took extensive photographs (exterior and interior) of the President's House (MDAH Historic Preservation Division photo rolls 171 through 177).
1974	December 19	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁸²
1975	February 14	The State Building Commission "considered and approved the 'as found' drawings and color transparencies of the interior and exterior spaces and authorized the payment of \$9,500 to Fred

¹⁷⁷ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 33, p. 205, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36997. Wagner's selection as project architect for restoration work at Jefferson College was announced in the Biloxi-Gulfport *Daily Herald* on 11 March 1974 ("Bay St. Louis Architect to Restore Famed College," *The Daily Herald*, Monday, 11 March 1974, p. 26; xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1973-1976**).

¹⁷⁸ These minutes are filed in an unnumbered folder labeled "Minutes, 1967-1977" in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

¹⁷⁹ Robert J. Bailey, "Preservation in the Past," p. 63.

¹⁸⁰ "Jefferson College Archaeological Study Turns Up Interesting Features," *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Miss.), 18 August 1974, p. 12A (xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1973-1976**). Robert N. Prospere's grandfather was Col. Clarence Greene Prospere, who was Superintendent of Jefferson College from August 1917 until his death on 21 March 1926.

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		Wagner for same to be paid from the line-item in the budget for same.” ¹⁸³
1975	March 17	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁸⁴
1975	March 18	Ron Miller made some photographs of Jefferson College and Assembly Hall. (These photos are on Roll 153 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1975	July 10	The State Building Commission “considered and approved the final plans and specifications on the subject project and authorized the advertisement for bids, subject to staff review of all documents.” ¹⁸⁵
1976	January	Ron Miller made some photographs of the brick paving around the West Wing and the West Kitchen, and some other photos of Jefferson College. (These photos are on Rolls C-69, C-70, C-71, C-72, C-73, C-74, and C-75 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1976	February	Ron Miller made some photographs of architectural details at the West Wing and the West Kitchen. (These photos are on Rolls C-76 and C-77 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1976	March 17	A meeting of the Jefferson College Advisory Committee was held. ¹⁸⁶
1976	April	Ron Miller made some photographs of Jefferson College furniture. (These photos are on Rolls C-78, C-79, C-80, C-81, C-86, C-87, and C-88 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.) He also made some other photos at Jefferson College (on Roll C-89).
1976	July 4	The official Mississippi observance of the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence was held at Historic Jefferson College.
1976	November	Ron Miller made some photographs of the West Wing and the West Kitchen. (These photos are on Roll 350 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1977	April	Ron Miller made some photographs of the exterior of the President’s House. (These photos are on Rolls 384 and 424 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection.)
1977	after January	The Jefferson College Advisory Committee was dissolved by act of the Mississippi Legislature. Its duties were taken over by MDAH.
1977	July 17	Historic Jefferson College was opened to the public as a historic site administered by MDAH. ¹⁸⁷

¹⁸³ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 35, p. 178, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36999.

¹⁸⁴ These minutes are filed in an unnumbered folder labeled “Minutes, 1967-1977” in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

¹⁸⁵ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 36, p. 110, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 36999.

¹⁸⁶ These minutes are filed in an unnumbered folder labeled “Minutes, 1967-1977” in Official Records Series 1483, the Jefferson College Advisory Committee Office Files, Box 11782.

1979	July 11	MDAH staff historian Michael F. Beard compiled "Historic Room-use Plan of Historic Jefferson College: A Preliminary Guide."
1979	August 7	William Lampton Gill, AIA, Architect, Jackson, Miss., completed a description of proposed work for the "East Kitchen Project, Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi."
1979	August 9	The State Building Commission authorized emergency electrical repairs for Prospere Hall. ¹⁸⁸
1979	October 11	The State Building Commission approved preliminary plans for restoration work on the East Kitchen. ¹⁸⁹
1979	October 26	The <i>Natchez Democrat</i> reported that Senator Thad Cochran announced that MDAH had been awarded a federal grant of \$32,500 for the restoration of the East Kitchen at Jefferson College. ¹⁹⁰
1980	January 3	William Lampton Gill, AIA, Architect, Jackson, Miss., completed the initial working drawings for the "East Kitchen Project, Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi, Project #SBC 501-021."
1980	April 2	William Lampton Gill, Architect, completed the revised working drawings for the "East Kitchen Project, Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi, Project #SBC 501-021." The blueprints are filed in Series 1332, Box 29635 (Restricted). The specifications are filed in Series 1764, Box 6498, folder 1.
1980	June 12	The State Building Commission approved contract documents for restoration work on the East Kitchen, and authorized advertising for bids. ¹⁹¹
1980	July 10	The State Building Commission awarded the contract for restoration work on the East Kitchen to the Lamar Holland Corporation. They also authorized emergency roof repairs on Prospere Hall, and awarded the contract for that work to Charles G. Smith. ¹⁹²
1982	February 22.	William Lampton Gill, AIA, Architect, Jackson, Miss., completed working drawings for "East and West Wing Restoration, Historic Jefferson College, Washington, Mississippi, Project #SBC 501-029." The blueprints are filed in Series 1332, Box 29635 (Restricted). The specifications are filed in Series 1764, Box 6498, folder 2.
1982	November 3	Joseph Russell Perkins, AIA, of Jackson, completed working drawings for exterior restoration work on the East Wing (Project SBC #501-029).

¹⁸⁷ "Oldest College to Open Soon," *Clarion Ledger*, July 11, 1977, and "Jefferson College Reopens," *Natchez Democrat*, July 18, 1977. Copies of both of these articles are included in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1976-1979.**

¹⁸⁸ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 43, pp. 192-193, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 37001.

¹⁸⁹ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 44, p. 47, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 37001.

¹⁹⁰ "Building Grant Awarded," *Natchez Democrat* (26 October 1979), xerographic copy in the Subject File, **Jefferson College: Preservation and Restoration, 1977-1979.**

¹⁹¹ Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 45, p. 239, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 37001.

¹⁹² Minutes of the State Building Commission, Book 45, p. 297, in Official Records Series 139, on Microfilm Roll 37001.

		The blueprints are filed in Series 1332, Box 29635 (Restricted). The specifications are filed in Box 12459, folders 1 and 2.
1983		About 1983 extensive exterior restoration work was done on the President's House.
1983-84		Some preservation and rehabilitation work was done at Raymond Hall using \$80,702.00 in federal funding from the Emergency Jobs Bill.
1983	November	Ken P'Pool made some photos of the exterior of the President's House and other buildings at Jefferson College (photos 1443: 1-19 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection).
1984	April and May	Ken P'Pool made some photos of Raymond Hall and the East Wing (photos 1466: 0-30 and 1471: 0-14 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection).
1985	May 9	Jefferson College was designated a Mississippi Landmark.
1986	September	Tomás Blackwell made some photos of the President's House (photos 2145:1-35 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection).
1993		A new wood-shingle roof was installed on the President's House about 1993 by the Dillon Construction Company. ¹⁹³
1993	May 15	Todd Sanders made a photo of the President's House and some photos of the exterior and interior of Assembly Hall (photos 2714: 23-30 in the Historic Preservation Division photo negative collection).
2004		The Phase I renovation of Raymond Hall was done under the direction of Johnny Waycaster, AIA, of Waycaster & Associates, Architects, of Natchez. ¹⁹⁴
2007	December 13	A Mississippi Landmark permit was approved on 13 December 2007 for interior renovations in Raymond Hall. ¹⁹⁵
2008		The Phase II of the renovation of Raymond Hall was done under the direction of Johnny Waycaster, AIA, of Waycaster & Associates, Architects. ¹⁹⁶
2008		In the summer of 2008, the front door of the west wing of the President's House was replaced. ¹⁹⁷ A new heating and air conditioning system for the President's House was authorized

¹⁹³ Correspondence in the Historic Resources Inventory file for the President's House (001-WSH-0105-NRE-ML) in the files of the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH.

¹⁹⁴ Correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH. There are copies of some of this correspondence in the Historic Resources Inventory file for Jefferson College (001-WSH-0100-NR-ML), in the files of the Historic Preservation Division.

¹⁹⁵ Mississippi Landmark permit, dated 13 December 2007, and related correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH. There are copies of some of this correspondence in the Historic Resources Inventory file for Jefferson College (001-WSH-0100-NR-ML), in the files of the Historic Preservation Division.

¹⁹⁶ Mississippi Landmark permit, dated 13 December 2007, and related correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH.

¹⁹⁷ Correspondence, dated July 2008, regarding the in-kind replacement of the exterior door and door hardware on the west wing of the President's House, in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH. (There did not appear to be a Mississippi Landmark permit for this in the file.)

		in September 2008. ¹⁹⁸ There was correspondence in November 2008 about the proposed replacement or repair of eight wooden windows on the President's House. ¹⁹⁹
2011	January 21	A Mississippi Landmark permit was approved on 21 January 2011 for replacement of the wood shingle roof of the President's House, to replace the previous roof that was installed about 1992.
2011	July 22	A Mississippi Landmark permit was issued on 22 July 2011 for repairs to the President's House, including repairs to the back porch. ²⁰⁰
2011-12		A team led by architect Robert Parker Adams made a year-long study of the buildings of Jefferson College leading to the preparation of a Historic Structures Report for the complex.

¹⁹⁸ Correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH, dated July 2008, regarding new HVAC equipment in the President's House. (There did not appear to be a Mississippi Landmark permit for this in the file.)

¹⁹⁹ Correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH, dated November 2008, regarding the proposed repair or replacement of eight windows in the President's House and two sashes on a dormer window of the East Wing. It was noted that several of these windows had been replaced during the restoration of the President's House in 1984. The letter addressing this matter added, "We also recommend that you contact Mr. Ron Miller with the Gulf Coast Field Office, who oversaw the restoration of the President's House in 1984. Mr. Miller should be able to locate the plans of the previous restoration at the Historic Natchez Foundation that may tell us how many sashes were replaced."

²⁰⁰ Correspondence in the Mississippi Landmark file for Jefferson College at the Historic Preservation Division, MDAH.